

Governance and Management

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What is CJIS?

North Dakota Criminal Justice Information Sharing (CJIS) is a statewide program with the mission to improve public safety by enhancing decision making of law enforcement and other public safety officials. This is made possible by providing easy access to complete, accurate and timely information.

CJIS will facilitate policy and technology changes to enable the components of states' justice systems, including state and local law enforcement, courts, state's attorneys and correction agencies to share justice information easily and effectively both vertically—among different levels of government—and horizontally—across agencies. Integration does not mean creating a separate “super” information system that exists outside states' justice agencies and entities.

In the CJIS system, justice agencies and entities maintain control of their information and make the information available to authorized users. Protocols and standards guide the interagency exchange of information at key decision points in the justice process.

CJIS Funding

- Federal Grants from the Department of Homeland Security and Department of Justice
- State Funding
- Stakeholders share a portion of costs

Current CJIS Information Systems

- **CJIS Hub Portal**: Enables authorized criminal justice personnel to search the following databases via a virtual private network: Criminal History, Parole and Probation Information, Offender Registration, Concealed Weapons, CWIS, Motor Vehicle, Driver's License Records and Photographs. In addition this system includes notification capabilities that facilitate the tracking of offenders for the criminal justice officer.

- **LERMS (Law Enforcement Records Management System)**: This is a centralized web based Law Enforcement Records Management System available to North Dakota Law Enforcement. The system allows electronic storing and sharing of case reports. It provides automatic checking for IBR/UCR errors before electronically submitting them to the state UCR office. The system is offered for a monthly fee of \$25 per full-time sworn officer. Currently, thirty agencies use the system.
- **STARS (State's Attorney Records Management System)**: This is a statewide system offered to State's Attorneys to automate business processes, enable work flows and allow information sharing with other agencies. The system allows electronic storing of case documents and reports. It provides electronic prosecution and disposition reporting to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation (BCI). The system is offered at \$50 per month, per individual user. Currently, five counties use the system.

Future Initiatives (2007-2009)

- **CJIS Hub Portal Interfaces** – The ongoing development of the CJIS Hub will allow for the sharing of data between criminal justice record systems. Interfaces will focus on data sharing and integration among law enforcement, prosecutor, court and correction systems.
- **Law Enforcement** – The CJIS program is working to provide access to data contained in the local law enforcement agency records management systems. Once implemented, CJIS users will be able to access data from other law enforcement agencies through the CJIS hub.
- **Mobile** – The CJIS program will focus on developing and implementing technologies designed to give criminal justice personnel access to criminal justice data when working outside of the office.

Mission

The mission of the North Dakota CJIS program is to provide complete, accurate, and timely information to the right criminal justice personnel at the right time.

Vision Statement

Improve public safety by providing effective and efficient justice policies, processes and information systems required to capture and share complete, accurate and timely information in support of program operations and informed decision making across jurisdictional and organizational boundaries statewide.

Business Goals

- Ensure effective operations
- Improve decision making
- Improve criminal justice staff safety
- Ensure access to information
- Deliver timely information
- Implement cost-effective systems
- Ensure privacy and accuracy



Testimonials:

STARS: Justware has been a wonderful program for the Ward County State's Attorney's Office to adjust to, learn and implement into our everyday routine. We were originally on the SAMS system, which was slow and did not do a lot of the things we wanted, such as carrying over information from SAMS to our WordPerfect documents. Justware does this for us in a speedy manner. We were amazed at how quickly the documents were generated and how much information was carried over, making for much less duplicate entry. We have also been very pleased with the help we have received from the CJIS staff, as well as the New Dawn staff. The data conversation went smoothly with very little clean up on our part. Overall, this transition for our office has been a very positive experience, and hopefully, one day, the whole state will climb aboard to make this system a statewide information system, which will benefit all prosecutor offices in their overall mission.

LeAnn Westereng, Ward County State's Attorney's Office

LERMS: We have been, for many years, trying to get our record keeping organized and keep up on UCR reporting. The LERMS program has fit the bill very nicely. It has helped us in getting our reports done in a more timely manner and has been vital in helping me keep on top of officers' activities and investigations. The program is easy to use, and it's easy to instruct new officers.

Chief Randy Munkeby, Carrington Police Department

HUB: The Watford City Police Department has been part of the CJIS Program since the start. Initially, it was met with some resistance. With usage of the hub, the officers heavily use the driver's license and motor vehicle information. Officers use the photos for identification on a routine basis. Many times officers are not able to match a name to a subject, but they recognize individuals with a photo. It is interesting to see officers change their view from I don't want to use this to we have to have this. At this point, if I shut down hub access to my officers, I would have a revolt on my hands.

Daryl Vance, Chief of Police, Watford City Police Department



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